

Information Disclosure Statement:

Applicant notes that the Examiner has not initialed and returned the Form PTO/SB/08 A & B filed with the present application. Applicant hereby requests the Examiner do so to ensure that the references are considered and placed on the face of any patent stemming from the present application.

Allowable Subject Matter:

Applicant sincerely thanks the Examiner for indicating that claims 55 to 93 have been allowed.

Claim Rejections:

Claims 1-4, 6-11, 14, 17-27, 30-31, 33-36, 38-46 and 48-93 are all of the claims pending in the present application, and currently only claims 1-4, 6-11, 14, 17-27, 30-31, 33-36, 38-46 and 48-54 stand rejected.

Double Patenting Rejection - Claims 1-4, 6-11, 14, 17-27, 30-31, 33-36, 38-46 & 48-54:

Claims 1-4, 6-11, 14, 17-27, 30-31, 33-36, 38-46 and 48-54 stand rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-54 of U.S. Patent No. 6,629,744 (the parent application).

Applicant submits herewith a terminal Disclaimer referencing the '744 patent. Therefore, Applicant submits that the above rejection is now moot, and hereby requests the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the above rejection.

RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111
U.S. Application No.: 10/600,514

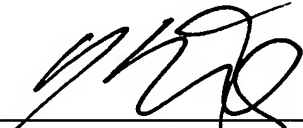
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Conclusion:

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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